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Subj: MINUTES OF THE 24 APR 03 PERSUPPDET MONTEREY PASS LIAISON REPRESENTATIVE (PLR) MEETING

- 1. The monthly PLR meeting was held on Thursday, 24 Apr 03 at 0930. The commands represented were Branch Dental Clinic Monterey, NAVAIRESCEN San Jose, NPS Flag Admin, and FNMOC.
- 2. Topics of discussion were as follows:

## **Customer Service/Receipts:**

- <u>Navy Stop Loss</u>: NAVOP message 072247Z APR 03 lists the current rates/ratings and NEC's which fall under the current stop loss directive. Currently E1 through E6 Field Medical Service Technicians (HM NEC 8404) shall be retained until further notice. Personnel who have commenced terminal leave, shipped household goods or are within 21 days of their separation/retirement date are exempt from this stop loss action.

# **Educational Services Officer (ESQ):**

- New Tuition Assistance (TA) Benefit: Beginning 1 April 2003, TA will be paid up front regardless of course length. Before this date, courses longer than 24 weeks had to be funded entirely by the servicemember. The member was reimbursed through DANTES only after successful course completion. Navy personnel will use the current TA Application form (NAVMC 10883) for all TA funding requests. Contact your Navy College Officer or the Navy College Center at 1-877-253-7122, DSN 922-1828, or email <a href="MCC@cnet.navy.mil">MCC@cnet.navy.mil</a> for more information.
- GI Bill Benefits: Can a sailor utilize GI Bill benefits while on active duty? If a sailor has completed at least 24 months of active duty a member may use either regular MGIB payments or MGIB Top-Up in conjunction with Tuition Assistance (TA) while attending school. Sailors who choose to use these benefits can file claims to the Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA) by submitting a VA Form 22-1990 by mail or online. MGIB Top-Up benefit TA claims are processed by an initial submission of the VA Form 22-1990, along with a copy of the completed TA form clearly marked "Top-Up". Subsequent Top-Up claims require only a copy of the completed TA form marked "Top-Up." More information and all forms are available at www.vba.va.gov.

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## Military Pay:

- <u>Thrift Savings Plan (TSP)</u>: The next TSP open season enrollment and change in percentage will run from 15 May through 30 June 2003. The maximum amount of percentage you can deduct from your pay is 8 percent and the maximum annual limit amount is \$12,000. Submit your TSP-U-1 form to PSD or access "My Pay" to start, change or stop Bonus percentage elections. For more information log on to <a href="https://www.tsp.gov">www.tsp.gov</a>.

## **Travel:**

- Government Charge Card Fees: The new ATM fee for using your Government Charge Card is 3 percent of the amount withdrawn or \$2.00, whichever is greater. This fee is reimbursable on your travel voucher. There is an "expedited" card delivery fee of \$20.00 that is charged when the expedited action is requested for individuals who are not currently in a travel status. This fee is reimbursable if approved for payment by the Authorizing/Order Issuing Official. Fees that are non-reimbursable on your travel voucher include the \$29.00 late fee that is charged to an individual cardholder when an account is delinquent by 75 calendar days or more. A \$29.00 fee is charged to the individual cardholder for a returned check and is non-reimbursable. There is a \$10.00 fee that is charged to the individual cardholder for payment by phone, this is considered an individual's decision and therefore is non-reimbursable.

# **Transportation:**

- <u>Delay of Concurrent Travel</u>: The Principal Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness has issued various memoranda imposing a stop movement of dependents into the various countries within USCENTCOM and USEUCOM areas of responsibility due to Operation Iraqi Freedom. Due to these circumstances, a concurrent travel delay is anticipated for the purpose of dependent travel authority of more than 20 weeks. Department of Defense Directive 1315.7, "Military Personnel Assignments," authorizes the Secretary of the Service concerned to approve travel to a designated place to await further travel authorization.
- 3. The next PLR Meeting will be held on Thursday, 29 May 03 at 0930 in the PSD Conference Room.

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